

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 12 and 15-19 remain pending in this application. Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, and 15-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Bonac* (U.S. Patent No. 4,646,606).

Amendments

The recitations of claim 2, which depended from claim 1, have been incorporated into claim 1. Claim 2 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The present amendment effectively rewrites claim 2 in independent form. All other claims depend, directly or indirectly, from amended claim 1

CONCLUSION

Based on the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicant submits that the application is now in proper form for issuance of a Notice of Allowance and such action is requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,



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